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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
THE DIRECTOR
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NSC (Copy to)

From: ICAPS

1. As you know, the ad hoc committee established November 20, 1947 to rewrite for the IAC the proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directives dated October 30, 1947, met again on January 6th to consider unfinished business from their last November meetings.

2. Proposed DCI 1/5 of October 30, 1947 was redrafted - in fact rewritten. Originally this was planned to legalize the work now being done by CIA on captured documents and to permit CIA to exploit other periodicals of common interest. You will see, however, that in the process it has been very much reoriented into a survey.

3. Furthermore, the committee reversed its previous decision and decided that the proposed DCI 1/5 should now be issued as a NSCID, in view of the fact that paragraph 7 of NSCID 1 states that services of common concern should be performed when the National Security Council determines that they can be more efficiently accomplished centrally. ICAPS and General Counsel, however, think that this is incorrect so far as this detailed work is concerned.

4. The DCI is already authorized to make surveys under paragraph 2 of NSCID 1 (of "material" not "activities," they claim), but the idea of the new NSCID is to direct you to make these particular surveys as soon as practicable. That, I think, can be done by a DCI Directive previously agreed to by the IAC members. Such details need NOT be referred to the NSC and set forth in NSCID's.

5. Most of them seemed to think it would be a good thing if CIA could find out just who is translating foreign periodicals and what these translations are used for. They recognize that there are tons of captured documents, too big a job for any one organization to handle, but they think that a survey would show at least where these documents are and possibly some broad subjects, with a view toward an arrangement on the working level for the ultimate objective of a fairly complete centralized index.

6. Attached are the old DCI 1/5 of October 30, 1947 and, in its rewritten form, DCI 1/1 for ready comparison. The working level in OO sees nothing greatly wrong with the new paper DCI 1/1, so I have recommended that it be issued as a proposed DCI Directive and circulated for IAC concurrence or nonconcurrence. After all it is our proposal, but changed and written by the ad hoc committee, so I think we should choose

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the form in which it is to be issued and the IAC members may advise as they see fit. If they do not concur, paragraph 3c and a of NSCID 1 establishes the procedure to be followed.

7. The old theory of the Board of Directors prevailed throughout the meeting (with much futile argument), as they have the idea they should determine how we should do things, especially the representatives of the State Department. They fail to see a difference between "cooperate" and "coordinate"! (And often fail to do either one!!)

8. Although no action was taken on the remaining two papers, DCI 4/1 and DCI 3/1 of October 30th, because they are so closely tied in with the NSCID's 2 and 3 which have not yet been formally issued by the NSC, it was suggested that DCI 4/1 be circulated to the IAC agencies as only a circular memorandum. I, however, feel this should not be the case under paragraph 3a of NSCID 1 which provides for the Director's implementing the Council Directives. If we give up DCI Directives for mere memoranda, I feel sure that we shall run into obstacles in the departments which will militate against effectively carrying out the matters which we wish to have established.

9. Since so much time was spent on DCI 1/5, and since DCI 4/1 and DCI 3/1 have yet to be considered to completely replace the MIA and CIG Directives, nothing was said yesterday about the proposed procedures for the IAC, which we have had drafted since December 18. I now think, since this ad hoc committee is primarily "agin" everything, that rather than bring up these IAC procedures before this ad hoc group, it might be better to circularize them direct to the IAC members as CIA proposals; and then the IAC members can reply if they wish to and give "advice" on the subject. Perhaps, however, (if we survive that long!! and get these NSCID's and DCI's out!!) we can have some sort of ad hoc discussions about the permanent standing committee before disbanding this ad hoc committee and referring that paper to the IAC.

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